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gation of the city will be accomplished by contract awarded to any private individual who shall be the lowest bidder and a responsible party.

The work of precautionary disinfection which, on account of a suspected focus of yellow-fever infection in the city, was ordered from Habana has been completed, and the brigade in charge of that work has been ordered to return to Habana.

Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Summary of transactions of service.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports January 10 and 11, as follows:

Week ending January 6, 1906.

Bills of health issued to 4 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease reported.

Month of October, 1905.

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| Bills of health issued | 22 |
| Number of crews | 711 |
| Number of passengers | 803 |
| Vaccination certificates issued for Canal Zone and Panama..... | 0 |

Month of November, 1905.

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| Bills of health issued | 21 |
| Number of crews | 834 |
| Number of passengers | 1,434 |
| Vaccination certificates issued for Canal Zone and Panama | 0 |

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Report from Guayaquil—Yellow fever and smallpox—Inspection and fumigation of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gomez reports, December 18, as follows:

Week ending December 17, 1905.

Present officially estimated population, 60,000.

Mortality from all causes, 61, including yellow fever 6 and 5 from smallpox.

One bill of health was issued during the week. On December 12 the British steamship *Chile*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon with 1 cabin and 5 steerage passengers from here; 3 cabin and 6 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine. Passengers were all examined; also 14 pieces of baggage. Three certificates of immunity were issued. Vessel was fumigated.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, January 5, as follows:

Official reports show 5 new cases of cholera in the district of Lomza during the period from December 18 to 21, 1905.